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| For: COMPOSITE CHROMIUM PLATING | ) April 18, 2007              |
| FILM AND SLIDING MEMBER         | )                             |
| HAVING THE SAME AND METHOD      | )                             |
| FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF         | )                             |

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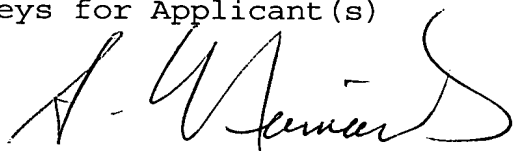
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